

City of Newport Beach - Building Department

BUILDING CODE POLICY

Effective Date	Subject	Policy No.
July 7, 2003 Revised 8/14/2003	Power Locks	UBC 1003.3.1.10

Power locks may be installed on doors to control entry but not to hinder exit from any portion of a building. Power locks may be installed on exit doors, when all the following requirements are met:

1. Areas exiting through doors equipped with power locks shall be equipped with smoke detection and occupant notification devices connected to a fire alarm panel. Fire alarm system panel and devices to be State Fire Marshall listed.
2. The egress control device shall automatically deactivate (open) in case of alarm.
3. The egress control device shall automatically deactivate (fail open) upon loss of electrical power to the egress control device.
4. The egress control device shall be capable of being mechanically opened from the inside using standard door lever hardware or door mounted push bar. Unlocking shall not require more than one operation.

Time delay power locks shall comply with all applicable requirements of UBC Section 1003.3.1.10.

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